



31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

### **Year 7 September Arrangements Reminder**

As I am sitting here in the last couple of days of the summer holiday, I am hoping that you have all had a great summer although the weather could have been kinder for us. We are very much looking forward to meeting your child for the first time at Lord Grey Academy and to welcome them to our Lord Grey community. This letter serves only as a reminder for some of the first couple of days and would like to remind you of my [previous letter](#).

### **Monday 6th September**

Year 7 students arrive for their rapid lateral flow test- nose only- in our Lord Grey test centre at their allocated times. Students will conduct the test themselves with a guide to advise them on how to do it as well as how to do the ones at home which they will commence during the next week until the end of September. Students are arriving in tutor group order to then meet their tutor and to receive a few introductory activities to complete at home. Your child does not need to wear their school uniform. This should take anything between 15-30 minutes.

**If your child has tested positive for Covid or has symptoms** then your child will be unable to attend on this day. Please email the student services team at [student.services@lordgrey.org.uk](mailto:student.services@lordgrey.org.uk) in order to advise us of your child's illness. Please include your child's name and form group in the email.

**If your child has had Covid between 2nd June - 2nd September** they will not be able to have a lateral flow test however we would still advise you to attend in order for us to meet your child and for them to meet their tutor. Please email student services to advise us of the dates when your child tested positive for Covid.

Please ensure you have completed the [consent for the lateral flow](#) before attending.

### **Tuesday 7th September**

On this day, all Year 7 students will start at Lord Grey Academy. Students should arrive via the Rickley Lane entrance and be at school by 8.40am. Students should be in full school uniform and will need to bring their PE kits. They will be the only students on site and there will be lots of opportunities to meet new classmates, to explore the site and to begin to learn some of the new routines. School will end as normal at 3pm.

### **Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th September**

Students should arrive at 8.40am and go to their Tutor rooms as normal. Timetables will be issued and then students will follow their regular timetabled lessons. School will finish at 3pm.

I have attempted to summarise the current Government guidance regarding COVID19. Please see the attached contingency plan that will be implemented should we need to: [Lord Grey Academy Contingency Plan](#).

- All students should attend school unless they have Covid19 symptoms or have tested positive themselves.
- We strongly urge you to complete the twice a week lateral flow tests and report them to us and the NHS directly. More information and direct links to come when we start this testing from 12th September.
- We strongly encourage students to wash their hands regularly with a variety of outside sinks, hand sanitiser and the pre-lesson cleaning down of desks.
- We strongly support and encourage all students and staff to wear facial coverings in communal areas indoors (not classrooms). If students are exempt then we will be in contact to provide an exemption pass.
- Classrooms will be ventilated and high traffic areas will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

Although it is reported in the media about vaccinations in school for Covid19, the academy is unaware of any proposed role for schools on the vaccination of children against Covid.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all and your children. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the last week of the school holidays and maybe we might even have some of that sunshine before we return.

Any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us via our enquiries email, [enquiries@lordgrey.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lordgrey.org.uk), in order to direct your query to the right place.

Yours faithfully

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